

REMARKS

I. Introduction

The Final Rejection mailed October 17, 2008, has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the present application has been amended in a manner which is believed to place it into condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Final Rejection and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

II. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-20 have been canceled in favor of new claims 21-40. The following table shows the correspondence between each of new claims 21-40 and the original claims. In case a new independent claim corresponds to an old dependent claim, all of the old claims incorporated into the new claim are listed. In case a new dependent claim does not correspond to any of the old claims, the support in the specification is given.

New claim	Old claim or claims, or support in specification
21	1, 2, 5
22	6
23	7
24	17
25	1, 2, 3
26	17
27	1, 2, 4
28	8
29	19
30	20
31	17
32	1, 9

New claim	Old claim or claims, or support in specification
33	Page 6, lines 6-11
34	Page 6, lines 15-20
35	17
36	10, 11, 12
37	10, 11, 13
38	10, 16
39	14
40	15

III. Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 14, 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Petrovich et al* and further in view of *Adkins et al*. Claims 3-9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19 and 20 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but were indicated as reciting allowable subject matter. The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that indication of allowable subject matter.

IV. Objections

The Applicants respectfully submit that the present Amendment overcomes the objection to the claims by rewriting the claims objected to so that they do not depend from any of the rejected claims.

V. Rejections

The Applicants respectfully submit that the present Amendment renders moot the outstanding ground of rejection by canceling the rejected claims in favor of claims directed to the subject matter which has already been indicated as allowable. All of the new independent claims correspond to claims in which allowable subject matter has been indicated. All of the

new dependent claims are allowable by virtue of their dependence from allowable independent claims.

VI. Conclusion


In view of the above amendment, the Applicants respectfully submit that the pending application is in condition for allowance. Notice of such allowance is respectfully solicited.

If there remain any issues which can be most easily overcome through a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number of record for the customer number set forth below.

Please charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to our Deposit Account No. 23-2185, under Order No. 124262.0101 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw. If a Petition for Extension of Time either does not accompany the present submission or does not suffice to render the present submission timely, the Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for such an extension of time for as many months as are required to render the present submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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